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Via Email only

Ms. Michelle Kerr
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Region 5 - Superfund Division (SR-6J)
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**Re: Response to U.S. EPA General Notice Letter
Chemetco Superfund Site, Hartford, Illinois**

Dear Ms. Kerr:

This letter is to advise you that, as of last Thursday, our firm represents Northeast Metal Traders, Inc. ("Northeast") regarding the Chemetco Superfund, Hartford, Illinois ("Chemetco") site matter. I would appreciate it if you will include our added affiliation with Northeast on the next version of your PRP Master Contact List for this site. Ms. Alice Myers is the company contact for Northeast and should remain on the list. We will continue representing Metro Recycling, Inc. also at the Chemetco site, as indicated already on the contact list you circulated last month.

Also, Northeast is one of the PRPs that received a 104(e) Request for Information from U.S. EPA, and did not previously have occasion to respond to either U.S. EPA or Illinois EPA about the Chemetco site. We appreciate that the Superfund Program has allowed a one-month blanket extension, until March 3rd, for responding to the 104(e) request, as communicated in your email dated 1/18/2012. Because Northeast just retained us, however, it will take us additional time to investigate, gather and review documents and information relevant to EPA's inquiries. Northeast had begun this process already, but we have asked for additional information about the company's historical activities with Chemetco and related issues in order to respond fully to EPA's requests and to counsel Northeast on whether it will participate in future negotiations with U.S. EPA. Ms. Myers of Northeast had already signed onto the letter you received last Friday from Mark LaRose, jointly on behalf of several PRPs, in part asking for an extension until June 3rd by which to respond to the 104(e) request. But in the event that EPA does not allow a blanket further extension to all PRPs, I ask that the agency grant Northeast a further extension of at least 60 additional days so that we can complete a thorough investigation for Northeast to respond to EPA's requests and determine if it will participate further regarding the Chemetco site. Thank you for your consideration.

Very truly yours,
BELLANDE & SARGIS LAW GROUP, LLP

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Mark R. Sargis".

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cc: Thomas Martin, Esq.
Ms. Alice Myers

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